

wake up, FCC! Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is one of the worst examples to date of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest, and so are you. But you are too busy with puritanical crusades to deal with important issues. Your actions in this case to date show that you are not facilitating the democratic process. You are serving the interests of big business, and not facilitating the dissemination of substantive, balanced news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

More than that, you should act on complaints regarding this case NOW.

Thank you.

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